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is an ordinary question put or an allegation made on the floor of the House, he cannot treat it as sufficient notice in itself and take immediate steps to get the information and take necessary action. I am saying this in reference to answers generally."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I was answering a specific question put by the hon. Member and it was too vague and general for me to take action upon it. That is why I wanted to know whether there was any specific instance where a distinction was made and I told him that if any such distinction was brought to my notice, I would take action thereon."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister make arrangements for the issue of duplicate ration cards in the Madras City whenever the original is lost ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I bring it to the notice of the Hon. Minister that even during the ration period there were distinctions made as between the Government and local board employees and the public with regard to issue of rations, and that even now the distinction is there in certain places where rationing continues ? May I ask the Hon. Minister to look into the matter and remove the distinction as between Government and local board employees and the public ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The other hon. Member was referring only to fair-price shops and not to ration shops in rationed areas."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

1 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of weavers' co-operative societies working in the State, districtwar and the total number of handlooms working under them districtwar ;

(b) the cost of the average monthly production of cloth from all the weavers' co-operative societies in the State during the calendar year 1951 ;

(c) the value of the average monthly purchases of cloth from primary weavers' co-operative societies by the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society and what percentage of the total production in the primary weavers' co-operative societies was being purchased by the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society per month on an average during the year 1951 and in the first quarter of 1952 ; and

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(*d*) what steps the Government propose to take to enable the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society to purchase the entire production of the weavers' co-operative societies in the State?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] showing the total number of weavers' co-operative societies working in the State districtwar as on 31st March 1952 and the total number of handlooms working under them districtwar is annexed.

(*b*) The cost was Rs. 89,20,210 during the calendar year 1951.

(*c*) The total value of the average monthly purchases of cloth from the primary weavers' co-operative societies by the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society was as follows during the periods noted:—

	RS.
(i) 1951	12,19,094
(ii) First quarter of 1952 ..	5,12,934

The percentage of the total production in the primary weavers' co-operative societies that was purchased by the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society per month on an average was as follows:—

(i) During 1951	13·7 per cent.
(ii) During first quarter of 1952.	5·9 ,,

(*d*) The average production of cloth per month during normal times in all the weavers' co-operative societies in the State may not be less than Rs. 60 lakhs in value. This will increase in the boom period. Purchase of the entire production by the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, Limited, will require a large capital outlay apart from heavy risks in the disposal of the stocks, particularly during the slump period. In the present conditions, it is not possible for the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society to purchase the entire production of the primaries.

Implementation of the G.O. for recruitment to Government services.

2 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the G.O. for recruitment to Government services, issued in the place of the Communal G.O., is implemented by the departments;

(*b*) if so, what is the procedure adopted to watch the implementation; and

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 95 infra.

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(c) how many Harijans have been appointed so far from the date of issue of the above G.O. with districtwar and rankwar details?

A.—(a) Yes, and it has also been incorporated as a rule in the General Rules for the State and Subordinate Services. The Special Rules concerned for the various services are also being amended to give effect to the orders in the G.O.

(b) The instructions embodied in the G.O. are followed by all recruiting and appointing authorities. Government have prescribed annual returns from all departments.

(c) I am afraid more time should be given to appraise the progress of implementation of the G.O. in this respect. I may assure hon. Members that Government are no less earnest than any others in this respect. In fact it may be justly claimed that when the matter was before Parliament in Delhi the exertion of some of the members of the present Government played no small part in the acceptance of the Constitutional amendment under which the new G.O. was passed.

Extent of communal porambokes and cultivable waste lands, districtwar.

3 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total extent of communal porambokes and other cultivable waste lands in each district and the extent of such lands either granted to or encroached upon by (a) Harijans, (b) landless poor and (c) rich ryots as on 31st March 1952?

A.—The Government consider that the time and labour required for collection of the statistics required for answering this most comprehensive question will be enormous and regret their inability to comply.

Number of Harijans possessing jiroyati pattas.

4 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Harijans on a districtwar basis possessing jiroyati pattas (with the total extent of such patta land in each district);

(b) the number of applications received by the Government from Harijan ryots for agricultural loans during 1946–52; and

(c) the total amount of loans granted on such applications from Harijans under the Takkavi Loans Act during the said period?

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A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The particulars are not readily available. They have to be gathered and compiled for each district. The work will involve considerable time and labour in several offices and will not be commensurate with the purpose served.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

REVISION OF THE ORDER OF VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1952-53.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to move—

' *That the Demands for Grants for the year 1952-53 be taken up in the order as set out below :—*

(1) *Demand XXIX—Famine.*
(2) ,, *VIII—Irrigation.*
(3) ,, *IX—Heads of States, Ministers and Head-quarters Staff.*
(4) ,, *XI—District Administration and Miscellaneous.*
(5) ,, *II—State Excise Duties.*
(6) ,, *XIV—Police.*
(7) ,, *XV—Education.*
(8) ,, *XVI—Medical.*
(9) ,, *XXI—Industries.*
(10) ,, *XVII—Public Health.*
(11) ,, *IV—Forest.*
(12) ,, *XXIII—Harijan Uplift.*
(13) ,, *XXVIII—Electricity.*
(14) ,, *XX—Co-operation.*
(15) ,, *VI—Motor Vehicles Act.*

and the rest of the Demands for Grants be taken up in the order in which they appear in the Notice, dated the 23rd June 1952.' I have made a small alteration in the order as given in the Notice paper. After item No. 8, Medical, item 10, ' XXI—Industries ' comes as item 9, and then Public Health follows as item 10. Sir, it is not as if the other Demands won't be coming up before the House at all. At a Conference of the Leaders of various parties, it was agreed that these Demands should be taken up in the order mentioned and that other Demands should come up in the order in which notice has been given. Therefore, there need not be any apprehension that the other Demands won't be coming up before the House."